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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 120-158 are pending in the application. Claims 120, 128, 131-139 and 149-158 have been allowed. Claims 121-127, 129, 130, and 140-148 have been objected to. Claims 121, 129, 130 and 140 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims and specification add no new matter.

Remarks to the Cross Reference

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Cross-Reference because the parent PCT application was not referenced and the patent number associated with related application 10/052,427 was not listed. The Cross-Reference has been amended accordingly.

Remarks to the Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that an apparently non-relevant patent application was apparently referenced in error. This reference has been removed. Applicant's attorney has attempted to determine if there is another patent that should be substituted for it but no relevant patent has been found that might have been meant instead.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted an inconsistent use of commas and semi-colons in the paragraphs overlapping pp. 4-5 and pp. 5-6. The paragraphs have been amended accordingly.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that the status of US application 09/508,300 be indicated in the text. The text has been amended accordingly.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 120, 128, 131-139 and 149-158 have been allowed.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 121-127, 129-130, 140-148 under 37 CFR 1.75(a) as having antecedent basis deficiencies.

Claims 121, 129, 130, and 140 have been amended as requested.

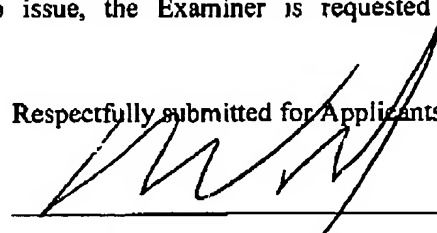
It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing amendment merely addresses matters of form and does not change the literal scope of the claim in any way or result in any prosecution history estoppel.

Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments render claims 121-127, 129-130, 140-148 proper under 37 CFR 1.75(a) and request that the objections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,



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